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## Appeal Forwarding Fee Requirement

USPTO records show that an examiner's answer was recently mailed.

If the examiner's answer is in response to an appeal brief filed on or after March 19, 2013 and the appeal brief fee required by former 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was not filed before March 19, 2013, the appeal forwarding fee set forth in 37 CFR 41.20(b)(4) is required to avoid dismissal of the appeal. The appeal forwarding fee is required within the later of two months from the date of either the examiner's answer, or a decision refusing to grant a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to designate a new ground of rejection in an examiner's answer. See 37 CFR 41.45.

If the examiner's answer is in response to an appeal brief filed before March 19, 2013 or the appeal brief fee required by former 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was filed before March 19, 2013, an appeal forwarding fee is not required.